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NEWS SUMMARY:

United States Attorney Steven M. Biskupic announced today that Lee Pham, a 37-year-old Milwaukee man, received 97 months incarceration from United States District Judge Lynn Adelman for two armed robberies.

On November 25, 2002, Pham pled guilty to a two-count indictment charging him with the April 23, 2002 armed robbery of the Continental Savings Bank at 7515 W. Good Hope Road, Milwaukee, Wisconsin and the August 22, 2002 armed robbery at the Landmark Credit Union at N64 W22694 Main Street, Sussex, Wisconsin.

Pham was apprehended by local law enforcement agents after the August 22, 2002 incident, during which, after committing the robbery, he returned to his car, realized he had locked his keys in it, dropped nearly \$65,000 taken from the Landmark Credit Union, and fled on foot.

At sentencing, Special Assistant United States Attorney Joy Bertrand noted to the court that the defendant admitted to committing the robberies to pay off debts he had amassed through illegal gambling. "Providence clearly intervened here," said Bertrand, "Had he not locked his keys in his car, who knows how many more robberies he would have committed."

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